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### Thanks

... to those parents who attended this week's junior duathlon.  
.. to those parents who have offered their support for our forthcoming senior camp  
.. to those parents who transported and supervised our tennis doubles players this week

### People of the week

.. Georgia received 9 placings, Tyler 8 placings and Ellie 2 placings (on her new pony) at the Ruakaka Ribbon Day. Well done girls!  
.. Mrs Dorahy who works harder than most people realise to ensure that parents get the most convenient possible interview slots.  
.. Those people who supported whacky hair day and the Canterbury quake victims (and the children who came up with this great idea). Your efforts raised \$552.00. Well done.  
.. Jenny Crawford who helps junior swimming classes by actually getting in the water with the kids most afternoons.

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

### Reporting on Achievement at Matarau School

A reminder that a brief description of how we report on achievement is available on the school website. This contains some basic guidelines on how to use this information and the advantages and disadvantages of each method of reporting. More detailed printed information is available from the school office on request.

## Trail Ride 2011

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011

Mark your unday  
3<sup>rd</sup> April, Lovell Rd, Ruatangata. We will be issuing raffle tickets in the next week or so to help cover costs. If you do not wish to receive a book to sell, please contact the office otherwise each family will be issued a book to sell. If you are able to help with this, please contact Alistair Rickey on 4355509 or Stephen Martin 4335061.



## Major School Fundraiser

### **28 February and 1 March**

This week parents will have received confirmation of their interview times (if you have not received this confirmation please check with your child or give the office a call).

**Please remember to bring ..**

.. **your child**, as they will assist in the setting of their own learning targets (optional attendance for year ones)

.. the **Indicator Report** (sent home today - years 2 to 8)

.. the **Learner Journey Sheet** (please read over these beforehand and pencil in any thoughts)

Parents are encouraged to make an alternative appointment if the above interview days do not suit.

### **Early finish 28 Feb and 1 March**

A final reminder that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 28 Feb and 1 March to enable preparation for triadic conferences to take place. Parents are asked to note that buses will run approximately 30-40 minutes early on these days. If you pick your children up from school you are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience arising from these changes.

### **Indicator Reports (years 2 to 8)**

An Indicator Report was sent home today with your child today along with their Learner Journey Sheet.

These reports identify areas of strength, and areas needing development, and are a rich source of ideas for goal setting. They also constitute a useful "where to next" check list for you and your child.

Parents are asked to ..

.. read over the Indicator Report(s) with their child(ren)

.. identify one area in maths, one in reading and one in writing for special focus in the first half year (or an alternative focus at your discretion)

.. read over their Learner Journey sheets and **pencil in** any thoughts

.. bring the Indicator Report and Learner Journey Sheet to conferences ( 28 Feb and 1 March)

Please contact/drop by the office at any stage if you have questions or need assistance interpreting these reports.

*(Please note that in a small number of cases students may have few or no indicators in beginning or advanced sections of these reports - in these cases teachers may provide you with alternative lists from which to select target areas).*

### **Middle & Senior Duathlon**

During lunchtime on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February the Yr 4-8 Individual champs will be held and on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> the Yr 4-8 Teams event will be held. All participants will require their bike, helmet and shoes. Parents are invited to come along and support the children.

### **Senior Camp Consents (camp 7-11 March)**

Please ensure that any outstanding consent forms are returned no later than this coming Monday. Any questions in the run up to camp to Mr Delemare please.

### **Scholastic Orders**

All orders and payments for Issue 1 closed today.

### **Pool Keys**

If you have a key from the 2010 season, and have received an invoice for the 2011 season, please pay or return your key this coming Monday.

### **Important notice to parents of year 7 and 8 students**

Last week our Public Health Nurse met with year 7 and 8 students and their parents to provide information / answer questions relating to forthcoming vaccinations. If you were unable to make these meetings, and have questions, our public health nurse, Philippa Butturini, can be contacted on 0212445407 or 4338255. If you did not get a vaccination form these are available from the school office.

### **Zone Swimming Sports - Kokopu School - 3.3 (pp 4.3)**

Parents are asked to ensure that children attending this event bring their lunches, plenty to drink, sunhats (and sun safe clothing), sunblock, something warm to wear between races, and spending money at your discretion. Please ensure that children who travel by bus also return to school by bus - unless otherwise arranged with attending teachers. If weather is doubtful on the morning please check our phone bulletin board for updates.

(Children who qualify at the zone event will be invited to participate in the Interschool Swimming Championships to be held on 15 March - more to follow)

### **School Swimming Sports - 17.3**

Our School Swimming Sports takes place Thursday 17 March and so you might like to pencil this in to your diaries. Events run most of the day culminating in a junior demonstration, relays and acknowledgements at the end of the day. You, and extended family, are invited to share this day with us - more details to follow.

### **International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent home today to those children who participated last year and those who expressed interest in participating this year. If you did not receive a consent form please contact the school office next week. Consents are due back at school by Friday 18 March. Teachers are more than happy to discuss your child's potential involvement with you.

### **School Phone**

Please use the options now when phoning in as this greatly helps the workload of office staff. We assure you the answer phones are checked in a timely fashion.

### **School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee**

Thanks to those who have made early payment. If feeling financially stretched at the moment parents are welcome to contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.

### **Special Needs Programme**

If your child has been selected for placement in one of Mrs Comrie's special needs programmes please return consent forms as soon as possible. This is a valuable opportunity for a more personalized and intensive learning programme, in an area of need, and parental support with assigned homework tasks is anticipated. The support of parents in these programmes is anticipated. Mrs Comrie is available at any stage to discuss your child's progress and to explain how you might assist at home.

### **Punctuality**

We request that children are at school at least 10-15 minutes before the morning bell to give them time to settle, connect with their teacher, and prepare for the day ahead.

### **PMP**

We would really appreciate further offers to assist with this important programme. If able to help please give Mrs Robertson a call. PMP takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon - even if you can help on one of these afternoons it enables us to give existing parent helpers the occasional break.

### **Pool Keys**

The pool will be available for public use. Hire keys are available from the school office at \$25 per family for the 2011 swimming season. If you have a key from the 2010 season please forward payment or return your key so we can make these available to other users. A reminder that attending parents are responsible for the safety of children using the pool outside school hours.

### **Headlice**

Please remember to check your children's hair weekly and to respond promptly in the event of infestation.

### Senior School Raffle

As part of the senior school camp fundraising, all senior school children have been issued with raffle books. These were due back at school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Please return on Monday if not already done so. Thank you to all those people who donated prizes

### Community Notices

Wanted - Old jars with metal lids (eg Craig's jam jars) ph Kym 4335701.

Kamo JMB Rugby Registration & Weigh In - Thursday March 19, Kamo Clubrooms, Butler St, Kamo (Bring old boots to sell or swap).

Zumba at Matarau School Gym, each Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm. add spice to your exercise and limber up with global exotic rhythms while strengthening and toning all without moaning...\$10/casual visit or \$80/10 concession card. Summer challenge is on. Visit <http://68403.zumba.com> or ph Annette Brown 0275505000 for more info.

NZ Badminton Academy - Have a Go Day, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10-4pm, free, fun competitions and prizes. Visit [Ritchie@nzba.net.nz](mailto:Ritchie@nzba.net.nz).

Junior Tiger Golf Championship - Waipu Golf club, 11am tee off 27<sup>th</sup> March. Register online now at [www.juniortiger.co.nz](http://www.juniortiger.co.nz). The winner will represent NZ at the World Junior Golf Champs in the USA, including a trip to Disneyland with a family member.

Allens Northland Kids Triathlon - Sunday March 13, Onerahi. Entries close March 4, \$15 + race pack worth \$50 of cool stuff. Enter online at [allens.co.nz](http://allens.co.nz) (follow links) or phone any allens office for an entry form.

Fun Day Out - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10am. Live entertainment, crafts and foods stalls, truck rides, sports activities, bands. Toll Stadium/Cobham Oval.

Cancer Society Northland Relay for Life - Last call for team entries, Held March 19-20<sup>th</sup> Lots of fund for all ages and fitness levels. Visit [www.relayforlife.org.nz](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz) or call 09 4375593. Entries close March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Federated Farmers Farm Day - Interactive family event. Experience sights and smells of a working farm. Safe & tactile experience for people of all ages, Sunday 13 March (10am-3pm) For more info contact Matthew Long on 094343370 or email [matty.j.long@extra.co.nz](mailto:matty.j.long@extra.co.nz).

### Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (**Now Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email [killalea@ihug.co.nz](mailto:killalea@ihug.co.nz)

### Finally

In light of this week's tragedy in Christchurch thought this a relevant thought ..

"When house and land are gone and spent. Then learning is most excellent." Samuel Foote 1720-1777 (English actor and dramatist)

Our thoughts remain with our fellow kiwis at this trying time. Thanks again to our children, and our school community at large, for giving so generously to today's Canterbury fund raiser.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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# Friday Lunches



Filled Rolls now available as well as the hot pies and sausage rolls. Orders need to be at the office by Wednesday to receive a lunch on Friday. This is a fundraising venture for the school and any profit is directed towards the children of the school. Any queries please call the office.

Sausage Roll, Mince Pie, Big Daddy with Drink \$4.00    Ham/Salad Rolls with Drink \$4.50  
**NEW!!!!** Ham Sandwich/roll - no salad with Drink \$3.50